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## QUESTING WITH

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A few wks back, in another section of QUOTE, we mentioned that the 1st State Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in New York in 1770. We'd like to expand that statement a bit. A descendant of John Cruger, the first President of the N Y State Chamber of Commerce, has sent us some more information which we find interesting and would like to pass on. Actually, it seems, the first Chamber of Commerce in the British Colonies was founded on April 5, 1768, in the belief that such an organization might be able to promote better relations with the English Gov't and possibly avert the conditions that were even then leading to revolution. Of course, the revolution came, but the organization went on immediately after the war, simply changing its name to "The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York."

This early Chamber of Commerce met in Fraunces Tavern—which, as you doubtless know, is still standing in the Wall Street area. At the meeting in March, 1770 (to which we referred earlier) the dues were increased from five Spanish dollars to ten Spanish dollars, and it was decided that three black balls would be sufficient to disqualify a candidate for admission into the Chamber.

This first President of the

Chamber, John Cruger, was the author of the "Declaration of Rights and Grievances of the Colonists in America" which had been addressed by the first (Stamp Act) Congress of the Colonies to the British Gov't in 1765. These men had agreed to trade no more with Great Britain until the Stamp Act was repealed.

It's interesting to note a communication from John Cruger as Speaker of the Assembly to the New York Chamber of Commerce of which he was President:

"Gentlemen: I have it in charge from the Gen'l Assembly to give the Merchants of the City and Colony the thanks of the House for repeated disinterested, publick spirited and patriotic conduct in declining the importation or receiving of goods from Great Britain, untill such acts of Parliament as the Gen'l Assembly had declared unconstitutional and subversive to the Rights and Liberties of the People of this Colony, should be repealed."

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The backs of the very large semi-permanent envelopes used for inter-departmental correspondence in the Dow Chemical Co frequently have safety slogans or advice printed on them. One we especially like depicts 4 "imps" that can cause accidents: IMProvising, IMPatience, IMPunity, and IMPulsiveness.

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you on that?

[1] Sen JOHN F KENNEDY (D-Mass), presidential hopeful, urging creation of a U S Arms Control Research Institute: "The engines of death are multiplying in number and destructiveness on every side; the institutions of peace are not." . . . [2] Mrs RICHARD NIXON, saying the Vice-Pres admits Harry Truman is better than he—in one respect: "His aunt (from whom he took piano lessons) was very disappointed when he didn't make music his career. But he says it's a good thing he didn't because he wasn't that good and he says Harry Truman plays better." . . . [3] Mrs HELEN GAHAGAN DOUGLAS, defeated by Nixon in 1950 race for Calif's Senate seat, when asked recently if she believed there was a "new Nixon": "He may be fatter, thinner, and have grayer or fewer hairs." . . . [4] Gov ROB'T MEYNER, N J, saying he's willing to be a favorite son candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, but isn't twisting anyone's arm: "What strength I have comes from what I have done in my present office. If I were running around the U S campaigning I would weaken what standing I have at home." . . . [5] JOHANN LANG, director of the Oberammergau Passion Play, explaining that the actors try to "live" their roles: "We consider spiritual preparation just as important as learning the words. All of those in the cast prepare themselves by reading the Bible, and by asking our priest for

guidance thru the Lord." . . . [6] Rev ERNEST MARVIN, Bristol, England, revealing why teenagers will stage a

Passion Play set to jazz: "To express the Christian story in a way that comes natural to them." . . .

[7] JOHN WAYNE, movie actor, referring to the strike by mbrs of the Screen Actors Guild: "The people it's going to hurt most are the stars. Television is just standing around waiting to pick up the unemployed technicians and other set workers. But a lot of us want to stick with movies." . . . [8] EVELYN CURRY, animal trainer, after wrestling a 250-lb tiglon (half tiger, half lion) into submission at Wichita, Kans: "Was I frightened? I guess I was frightened. Handling one of those big cats is like having a machine gun in your hand. You never know what it's going to do." . . . [9] Airman 1-c JAS MILLER, of Flushing, N Y, explaining why he is one of the many American G I's who have married British girls: "American girls are just too demanding. They henpeck. If I stay out late my wife doesn't come at me with a rolling pin." . . . [10] Lord LANESBOROUGH, 41-yr-old British bachelor, when asked at a bachelor's Leap Yr dinner how he managed to get along without a wife: "I do a lot of bird-watching."

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'He who never quotes. is never quoted'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



## AGE—1

You can cure a woman of almost any common illness by mentioning that her symptoms are signs of advancing age.—*Kiwanis Mag.*

## AUTOMOBILES—Driving—2

A Sunday driver is one who doesn't drive any better during the wk. — *Illinois Educational Press Bulletin.*

## AVIATION—3

A jet airliner capt was about to take off on a flight to London. "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen," he said over the loud speaker system. "This is your capt speaking. We'll be crossing the Atlantic this evening at an altitude of 37,000 ft. Our estimated speed is 730 mph. We should reach London in approx 5 hrs." After a moment of silence, the capt cont'd, "We

will take off as soon as I get up enough nerve." — PAUL LIGHT, *St Paul Pioneer Press.*

## BIBLE—4

A St Paul pastor questioned his communicants' class on the importance of the Bible. One honest communicant wrote: "It is the most wonderful book I ever did not read."—OREN ARNOLD, *Presbyterian Life.*

## BOOKS—5

Food for the mind and soul is a high concern for every person. Here is a tribute to the service of books written by a Danish scholar, Thos Bartholin, who lived in the 17th century: "Without books, God is silent, justice dormant, natural science at a standstill, philosophy lame, letters dumb, and all things in Cimmerian darkness."—HALFORD E LUCCOCK, *Christian Herald.*



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### **BROTHERHOOD—6**

Some yrs ago, after I had spoken at a goodwill meeting of Jews, Roman Catholics and Protestants, a woman said: "Why do you make such a problem of this matter of brotherhood? Just practice the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.' That is all that is necessary." "Yes," I repl'd, "the Golden Rule is the simple principle, but the trouble is most of us do not use our imaginations enough to know what we should want done to us if we were in the other person's place. The result is that we do to him what we think is good for him and that usually irritates him."—RALPH W SOCKMAN, "The Power of the Mind," *Arkansas Methodist*, 1-21-'60.

### **CHILDREN—7**

"Babies are angels," said Mrs Judy O'Reilly, hunting for her 4-yr-old runaway, "whose wings grow shorter as their legs grow longer."—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

### **COMMUNICATIONS—8**

Bridges of one kind or another are necessary for every step in the long road of progress. Name anything in the world. Some people have it, while others need it. Teacher—pupil: the teacher knows, the pupil needs the knowledge. A thought needs a bridge to a hand, then to paper, then to a press, then to a book agent, then to a reader. . . Or take iron ore. It is in the ground. How many stages it passes thru before it ends in a locomotive. — FRANK C LAUBACH, *Channels of Spiritual Power*.

### **COURAGE—9**

Don't boast of being a brave and fearless man until you have felt your way thru a dark room at 2 a m to investigate a strange noise and have a broom handle fall against the middle of your back.—*Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co.

### **CRIME—and Punishment—10**

Harry Elmer Barnes, noted sociologist and long-time advocate of penal reforms, declares: "We shall ultimately come to admit that society has been as unfortunate in handing over criminals to lawyers as it once was in entrusting surgery to barbers. 100 yrs ago we allowed lawyers and judges to have the same control of the insane as they still exert over the criminal, but we now recognize that insanity is a complex medical problem which we entrust to properly trained experts in the field of neurology and psychiatry. We hope that in another 100 yrs the treatment of criminals will be submitted to medical and sociological experts." — ROGER GREEN, quoted in *Monthly Record*, Conn State Prison.

### **EASTER—11**

Christ's Cross is such a burden as sails are to a ship, or wings to a bird.—SAM'L RUTHERFORD, quoted in *Houston Times*.

### **EDUCATION—12**

Has education no sales force? What per cent of today's youth enter school with a determination to become educated?—*Detroit*, Detroit Bd of Commerce.

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By Les & Liz  
Carpenter



Bizarre interference problems keep the Fed'l Communications Comm's so-called "kilocycle kops" busy. FCC engineers report that recently their monitoring processes turned up 4 Chicago youths who set up their own broadcasting station complete with recorded music and man-on-the-st interviews (and, of course, without benefit of FCC license). FCC investigators also turned up a San Diego narcotics suspect; another time, a card shark who was using sub-military battery-operated transmitters.

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*Rep Iris F Blitch (D-Ga) tells about the prettiest Dixie belle in Georgia who went to college. And she did very well, adds Mrs Blitch, graduating magnolia cum laude and winning her class's accolade as "the most likely to secede."*

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At least one male advocates more female control in gov't. Jerry W Carter, Democratic Nat'l Committeeman from Florida, told lady Democrats: "I was one of the original advocates of women's suffrage. And I think a woman ought to be elected to public office. They have made a mess of things raising so many sorry men. Either they've got to raise better men or take over the gov't."

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## EDUCATION—13

An educated man is one who has absorbed crucial aspects of the culture in which he was reared and opened his mind to appreciation of the values and institutions of other types of culture.—FRANCIS S CHASE, "The Educated Man," *Nat'l Education Ass'n Jnl*, 2-'60.

## EFFORT—Reward—14

It is told that in ancient Greece, some politicians decided to downgrade one of their number, and so got him appointed Public Scavenger. But he fooled them. He set out to show one and all what could be done with such a humble assignment. He wiped out unsanitary conditions, promoted civic cleanliness, stimulated civic pride. It turned out, after a few yrs, that the post of Public Scavenger became one of considerable honor and responsibility—sought by the best of men. A job is what you put into it.—*American Eagle*, American Forest Products Corp'n.

## EGOTISM—15

Egotism is the art of seeing qualities in yourself which others can't see.—*Survey Bulletin*.

## EXPERTS—16

It used to be said that in the kingdom of the blind the one-eyed man is king. But today, regardless of one's sight or insight, one can become an expert and win the nation's headlines by the simple expedient of loud utterances repeated often enough. — Dr Jos MERSAND, "English Meets the Challenge," *Elementary English*, 2-'60.

## FAITH—17

Living without faith is like driving in a fog.—*Hoard's Dairyman*.

# book briefs...



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As a general rule, publishers are not expected to write, and don't. Very few books about publishing, by publishers, exist. So it is an unusual pleasure to find *An Occupation For Gentlemen*, by Frederic Warburg (Houghton Mifflin). The distinguished English publisher tells the story of his remarkable career in books—and incidentally reveals enough of his private life to provide the type of interest usually associated with novels. It's a lively and delightful book, but perhaps the most important part is Warburg's philosophy of publishing as summarized in this paragraph:

"No doubt my view of a publishing house as having a personality can be regarded as highbrow. It will be said that a publisher is a tradesman who is not in business for his health; his job is to take a book that in his view has a sales potential and boost it to the skies, regardless of its merits or lack of them. This view I understand, respect, and profoundly disagree with. Pushed to its logical conclusion, it produces trash, corrupts the public's taste, and allows the pornographer an unrestricted run for his, or the reader's, money."

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As has been pointed out before, television sometimes encourages the reading of books. On March 19, NBC's "Howdy Doody Show" will dramatize the world of books to introduce a new feature on the program, the regular recommending of children's books. The books

will be selected by the Nat'l Television Children's Book Comm, headed by Mrs Ruth Gagliardo, director of library services for the Kansas State Teachers' Ass'n. Each month, 5 books will be recommended from among books that have been in print for at least a yr.

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On April 15, Random House and *Holiday* mag will join forces to present the *Holiday Magazine Travel Guides*, a series which will start with 10 books and eventually provide world-wide coverage for the traveler. All mat'l in the guides is entirely new, written exclusively for the series. The books will be priced at \$1 each, and the purchaser will be able to choose only what he needs: If he's going to Italy, he won't have to buy a cumbersome one-vol travel book on the entire European continent.

American Express is cooperating with Random House and *Holiday* in presenting the new travel books.

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Barring unforeseen complications, there will be a new Ernest Hemingway book this fall. It will be a memoir of the early writing days in Paris. Scribner will publish it, and has now about two-thirds of the manuscript in its office.

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### FAITH—Immortality—18

Little Emma was taking an examination in school; one of the questions asked was this: "Upon what do hibernating animals subsist during the winter?" Emma thought about that one for a long time; then she wrote: "On the hope of a coming spring."—FRANK S MEAD, *Tarbell's Teachers' Guide* (Fleming H Revell Co).

### FOOD—Additives—19

For those who worry about chemicals that are consumed in food, Dr Frederick J Stare, of Harvard Univ, whom I consider a most sensible authority on nutrition, has this to say: "You and I are nothing but chemicals, and all foods are made of chemicals. Thus, one should not reject a food because chemicals have been added to it. The chemicals are added for a purpose—to preserve the mat'l, to enhance its flavor or to enhance nutritional qualities." — WHEELER McMILLEN, *Farm Jnl.*

### GIVING—Receiving—20

You receive in proportion and in kind as you have given.—E ELOISE FERRIER, *The Voice of Love* (Vantage).

### GOOD—and Evil—21

If there must be warfare in the world, let it be between good and evil and not between nations.—*Nuggets*, Barnes-Ross Co.

### GROWTH—22

We go where we are looking, and we grow to be like what we think about.—LOWELL FILLMORE, "Foundation Stones," *Progress*, Unity School of Christianity, 3-'60.

### HAPPINESS—23

A happiness that is sought for ourselves alone can never be found: for a happiness that is diminished by being shared is not big enough to make us happy.—THOS MERTON, *No Man Is an Island*.

## Quote scrap book

WM ELLERY CHANNING (b Apr 7, 1780) was one of the Transcendentalists, a friend of Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau. A Unitarian clergyman, he was involved in many religious controversies, being particularly opposed to the Calvinistic doctrine of total depravity. He was also a political and social reformer. We present his comment on the "pursuit of happiness":

The office of gov't is not to confer happiness, but to give men opportunity to work out happiness for themselves.

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### HEALTH—Disease—24

Heart disease, strokes, cancer and accidents were responsible for 71% of the 1,746,886 deaths recorded in '58.—U S Public Health Service bulletin.

### HEALTH—Lipstick—25

Pure Food and Drug officials still insist . . . that certain coal tar colors in lipstick . . . are definitely harmful in tests on laboratory animals.

The effect on humans is not established. The unqualified conclusion is that people who wear lipstick should never kiss rats.—Paul Harvey News.

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#### **HUMAN UNDERSTANDING—26**

Claudel once said that everyone should be exiled to China at some time or another, in order to understand humanity.—**FRAWLEY HYNES**, *Columbia, Knights of Columbus*.

#### **INCENTIVE—27**

Some people are satisfied to be average. But do you know what you are when you're average? You are the *best* of the *lousiest* and the *lousiest* of the *best*. Is that what you want to be?—**GARY GARIEPY**, *Advertiser's Digest*.

#### **INDIVIDUALITY—28**

Personality-wise, what is one man's meat may be another's poison. Perhaps you can stand out distinctively by using the very mannerisms that certain others ought to shun. Sales Counsellor Zenn Kaufman points out a sharp contrast in two famous business corp'ns. Wrigley's, with the largest electric sign of all signs in Times Sq, N Y, and Tiffany's, only a few blocks away with no sign at all on its bldg in its 75 yrs of operation, are both masters of showmanship in their separate ways. The silence and understatement that were Calvin Coolidge's trade mark might fall as flat with Arthur Godfrey as would Godfrey's loquacity from a Coolidge. One of the arts is in using discretion as to person and circumstances. — **FRED DEARMOND**, "The Art of Being Different," *Toastmaster*, 3-'60.

#### **LANGUAGE—29**

If a contemporary Rip Van Winkle had slept for 40 yrs and awakened today, he would have to go back to school before he could read a daily paper. He would never have heard of atomic bombs or baby sitters, of coffee breaks or flying saucers, of eggheads, mambo or

microfilm, of nylons, neptunium or smog. And this is the briefest sampling of the innumerable new words added to our language in a mere 40 yrs. Since Shakespeare's time the number of words in the English language has increased from about 140,000 to somewhere between 700,000 and 800,000. And most of these have come not from borrowing but from the adaptation of elements already in the language.—**BERGEN EVANS**, *Think*.

#### **LIFE—Living—30**

A career, like a business, must be budgeted. When it is necessary, the budget can be adjusted to meet changing conditions. A life that hasn't a definite plan is likely to become driftwood.—**DAVID SARNOFF**, *chmn of the bd, RCA*.

#### **MARRIAGE—31**

There is a story that, among the Turks, to fail to provide a wife with coffee was sufficient reason for divorce. Within the marriage ceremony itself, the groom promised never to permit his wife (or wives) to be without it. — **M N STILES**, "How to Engineer a Perfect Cup of Coffee," *Harper's Mag*, 2-'60.

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One of the main conveniences of marriage is to be able to pass a visitor whom one can't stand along to one's wife.—**G C LICHTENBERG**, *The Lichtenberg Reader* translated, edited and introduced by **FRANZ H MAUTNER & HENRY HATFIELD** (Beacon).

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### Nor gloom of Night . . . 1960

From horse to Hypo is the story of the U S Mail in a hundred year span. Hypo is the name Postal employees give the Highway Post Office. Because train service was inadequate, in 1940, a significant development took place. Congress authorized handling of the mail by motor vehicles. These routes were designed to serve small towns which railroads did not enter.

At first the government owned and operated the transportation. Today, the postal busses are privately owned and operate under a government contract. The postal employees are government workers. The first route established in 1941 operated out of Washington, D C. There are today 104 routes. They operate on a precision schedule.

Mail for the first small town is already sorted and in the pouches at the start. The mail clerks begin to ready the mail for the second stop immediately. Magazines and papers are in separate compartments, and there are also storage spaces for the unsorted mail. The busses are 35 feet long, 8 feet wide and 10 feet high. They are fitted with outside letter drops.

Clerks and the driver of each bus carry revolvers, and are expert in their use.

There is a growing demand for this service all over the country, as

more and more trains are taken out of service.

The Hypo goes directly to the town Post Office. Since these are all small towns, a crowd of happy people is always on hand to greet its arrival. Just as they gathered in the old days to cheer the Pony Express rider as he dashed in on his gallant steed.

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### MEMORY—32

Memory is a nursery in which children who have grown old, play with their broken toys. — CLAUDE HOUGHTON, *Rosicrucian Fellowship*

### MIND—33

The great mind is neither ancient nor modern. It is neither ashamed of the old nor afraid of the new. It thinks neither in terms of old traditions nor in terms of new fashions. Its only concern is the true and the workable. And for this reason, it is at home on every leaf of the calendar; it is always new and incapable of growing old.

—GLEN FRANK, *New Outlook*.

### NEIGHBORS—Neighborliness—34

How much you love your neighbor can be measured by whether you feel the same when he borrows from you as when you borrow from him.—THE COUNTRY PARSON, *Register-Tribune Syndicate*.

### POLITICS—Politicians—35

We aren't surprised seeing a teacher teach or a lawyer practicing law. Why then do we express amazement when we witness a politician playing politics? — North Vernon (Ind) Sun.

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## ....pathways to the past.....



Nat'l Library Wk  
Nat'l Noise Abatement Wk

**Apr 3—Fifth Sunday in Lent.** . . 160 yrs ago (1800) Congress authorized Martha Washington, widow of Geo Washington, to send all of her mail postage free. . . 100 yrs ago (1860) the 1st Pony Express hit the trail, with one rider leaving from St Joseph, Mo, and one from Sacramento, Calif (see GEM BOX, also TEMPO).

**Apr 4—160 yrs ago (1800)** the 1st gen'l Bankruptcy Act in the U S was passed, affording relief to the losers in our free enterprise system. It applied only to merchants and traders. . . 95 yrs ago (1865) Pres Abraham Lincoln visited Richmond, Va, occupied only the day before by the Union Army.

**Apr 5—45 yrs ago (1915)** Jess Willard, gigantic ex-cowpuncher from Kansas, knocked out Jack Johnson in the 26th round at Havana, Cuba, to become the world's heavyweight boxing champion. . . 5 yrs ago (1955) Sir Winston Churchill, then 81 yrs old, resigned as Prime Minister, after serving more than 8½ yrs.

**Apr 6—130 yrs ago (1830)** Jos Smith, Vt-born farmer, organized the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) at Fayette, N Y. There were 30 mbrs. . . 100 yrs ago (1860) the Postal Act, providing for return of unrec'd letters to the sender's address on the envelope, was passed.

**Apr 7—190th anniv (1770)** b of Wm Wordsworth, English poet. . . 180th anniv (1780) b of Wm Ellery Channing, American minister, writer, social and political reformer. . . For the 4th time, the Socialist Party nominated Norman Thomas for the Presidency 20 yrs ago (1940).

**Apr 8—230 yrs ago (1730)** mbrs of Shearith Israel, 1st Jewish congregation organized in America, consecrated their synagogue in N Y C. . . 110th anniv (1850) b of Wm Henry Welch, American pathologist and bacteriologist; one of the founders of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. . . 25 yrs ago (1935) Congress approved an appropriation of \$5 billion to provide "work relief and to increase employment" under the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

**Apr 9—95 yrs ago (1865)** the Civil War ended as Gen Rob't E Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen U S Grant. . . 90th anniv of Nikolai Lenin, Marxist revolutionist, scholar and author. . . 20 yrs ago (1940) Germany invaded Norway and Denmark (World War II).

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### PROGRESS—36

Much of what we mistakenly call "progress" is merely the substitution of a complicated nuisance for a simple nuisance.—*Chicago News*.

### RELIGION—37

The problem of the world today is not in the field of politics or economics or business, but in the field of morals and religion. — E ELOISE FERRIER, *The Power of Love* (Vantage).

### RUSSIA—Education—38

I lunched with a prof in Lenin-grad three months ago and he told me that twenty-three qualified people applied for each place on his faculty in the Univ of Languages.—GEO Z F BEREDAY, "American and Soviet Education at Mid-Century," *Wisconsin Jnl of Education*, 1-'60.

### SABBATH—Observance—39

A story is told in Benj Franklin's autobiography of a clergyman ordered to read the proclamation issued by King Chas I, bidding the people to return to sports on Sunday. To the congregation's amazement and horror, he did read the royal edict in church, which many clergy had refused to do. But he followed it with the words, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and added, "Brethren, I have laid before you the commandment of your king and the commandment of your God. I leave it to you to judge which of the two ought rather to be observed."—W J ISBELL, *L M C F Bulletin*, Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation.

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### SALESMANSHIP—40

Good salesmen, like good cooks, create an appetite when the buyer doesn't seem hungry.—*Statesman*.

### SCIENCE—41

Scientists appear to be the unhappiest people in the industry according to a recent survey: 72% of them think mgt is misusing their talents; 80% think they are underpaid; 66% think that "pull" rather than knowledge is the key to advancement; and 75% want to go over the hill and work in their own way.—*Exec's Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

### SELF—Confidence—42

I am a psychologist. In 20 yrs, I have talked with, tested, and given vocational counsel to at least 10,000 young men and women. One characteristic that almost all had was the tendency to sell themselves short. We need not worry about the braggart. His kind is not very common. But we do need to worry about the legions of young people who underestimate themselves. When at least 3 out of 4 sell themselves short, we suffer a community tragedy that is compounded by the individual tragedy of each unfulfilled life.—RANDALL B HAMRICK, *Rotarian*.

### SPEECH—Speaking—43

A little word said and remembered is better than any am't of weary, casual talk which men endure and gladly forget.—*The War Cry*.

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There are too many speakers who need no introductions; what they need are conclusions.—Judge JACOB M BRAUDE, *Capsuled Comments*, Leatherwood, Cleveland & Logan Adv'g Agency, Detroit.



# Tempo of the Times

Neither snow nor rain . . . 1860

April 3rd marks the Centennial of the famous Pony Express. As part of the celebration, the Post Office Department will issue a new Pony Express commemorative stamp next July 19, at Sacramento, together with a commemorative envelope to be issued at St Joseph.

On the same date, the National Pony Express Centennial Association will reenact the Pony Express runs, starting both from St Joseph and Sacramento, as was done one hundred years ago. These are expected to require about 9 days each for both the eastward and westward runs, across the 1966 mile route.

The celebration is largely a tribute to American youth. Most of the daring riders were very young men. Advertisements for Pony Express riders read: *Wanted—young, skinny, wiry fellows, not over 18. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred. Wages \$25 a week.*

Riders were given a Bible and required to take this oath: "I hereby swear, before the Great and Living God, that I will under no circumstances use profane language; that I will drink no intoxicating liquors; that I will not fight or quarrel with any other employee; and that in every respect I will conduct myself honestly; be faithful to my duties, and so direct all my acts as to win the confidence of my employers. So help me God."

The young Pony Express riders

outran Indian pursuers through the wilderness, often through blinding snows, and howling storms, and in extremes of heat and cold. Only one Express rider was lost to the Indians.

Johnny Frey was the first Pony Express rider. His run was from St Joseph to Seneca, Kansas, about 80 miles, which he covered in an average of 12½ miles an hour, including all stops. William F Cody, Buffalo Bill, was a Pony Express rider in his early teens. He performed many notable feats, including a 384 mile ride, without any rest. This is the longest continuous ride of any courier service in history.

None of the Pony Express riders grew old in the service. In October, 1861, the cross country telegraph was completed, and the Pony Express was terminated. Despite its short life, it served a great need. It kept the East and West joined during the early crucial days of the Civil War. Though short-lived, it lives as one of the most picturesque events in our national history.

—For information in this issue on the Postal Service, we are indebted to Clarence Bethuram, of the Indianapolis Post Office.

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#### **SPEED—44**

In this jet era of tremendous speeds, you can now have early breakfast in N Y and fly to Los Angeles in time to find nobody up. —*Woman's Day*.

#### **SPRING—45**

Spring has a weird effect on the young. Our 10-yr-old Judy reports that a neighbor lad has proposed marriage. As wedding gifts, she has asked for an air rifle, a strapless evening gown, a palomino horse, and a chocolate cake. — BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

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Lives of candidates remind us  
We can make *their* lives sub-  
lime,

If we'll only let them find us  
On their side at voting time!

—S OMAR BARKER.

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#### **SUCCESS—47**

Success is relative. It does not mean a man has progressed to the limit of his capabilities, but only that he has made remarkable progress. It implies cont'd improvement—for only those who are improving are a success. Curiously, tho, when a person comes to the point in his evolution where he epitomizes success, nobody calls him successful. He represents achievement, which is greater than success. — PAUL P WENTZ, *Good Business*.

#### **TALENT—48**

When we're young we hope our talents will be discovered; as we get older we're content if they're not found out.—*American Mercury*.

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#### **TAXES—49**

It costs us an average 3% of our tax bill just to fill out all the returns and comply with all the rules. — *Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

#### **TEACHERS—Teaching—50**

No citizen, be he the richest or most powerful man in the city, earns half of the love or the warm remembrance for a life time that the good teacher earns. Yet teaching, too, can lead to bitterness. Even the ablest young people should not head toward teaching unless they are sure they love children and youth more than they do the art, the science, or the math they want to teach.—JOHN E GRINNELL, *Illinois Education*.

#### **THOUGHT—51**

Why do we lose the ability, as adults, to ask why? First, we're afraid to show ignorance. Children aren't. We grownups have learned to follow those deadly counsels of expediency: when in doubt, keep still, and people will very likely think you know a great deal more than you do. Smile, nod and pray they don't ask you. We don't ask questions because we're lazy. Thos Traherne, 17th-century poet, remarked that, "... as nothing is more easy than to think, so nothing is more difficult than to think well. The easiness of thinking we rec'd from God, the difficulty of thinking well proceeded from ourselves." Exercising one's curiosity is hard work.—MARY ELLEN BARRETT, "Why Can't We Ask Why?" *Glamour*, 3-'60.

#### **TRAFFIC—52**

Will Rogers had the solution for the traffic problem—let the highways be open only to cars that were paid for.—*American Mercury*.

#### TRUTH—53

In the long run, digging for truth has always proved not only more interesting but more profitable than digging for gold.—Geo R HARRISON, *Forbes*.

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When truth stands in your way it's time to change directions.—*Daily News*, Henderson, Tex.

#### UNITED NATIONS—54

Lord Birdwood is back in London from the UN and he has a story to tell. Lord Birdwood, a delegate to the world body's last session, told an audience about a "very underdeveloped country which applied for aid to improve its cattle." The UN dispatched a bull to the nation. No improvement was reported. Lord Birdwood said the UN sent an investigator to find out why no progress. "What's wrong?" the investigator asked the bull. "I am a representative of the UN," the bull repl'd. "I am only here in an advisory capacity."—DUDLEY EARL, *Indianapolis Times*.

#### VALUES—55

No monetary gain offsets a moral loss.—ARNOLD H GLASOW, *Thoughts for Today*.

#### WISDOM—56

Those who are wisest, even in this world's wisdom, are much more humble than those who possess but a partial am't of established knowledge.—"The Virtue of Humility," *Megiddo Message*, 2-20-'60.

#### WORDS—57

Men are known by their words.—Geo E FAILING, "I Said In My Haste . . .", *Wesleyan Methodist*, 2-10-'60.

#### WORK—58

When asked by a young interne which medicine he considered the greatest boon, the old doctor looked back thoughtfully over a half century of practice. . . As memories crowded in upon him, they brought a sharp clear recognition of the one medicine which he believed to be the master medicine of all. To the interne he said: "The most wonderful medicine is not compounded of rare and expensive drugs; it is one of the most commonplace things I know. In fact, it is not a drug at all. You can spell the name of this master medicine with four simple letters, W-O-R-K."—*Megiddo Message*.

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Motor's perfect, without a doubt;  
Body and tires do not reveal  
Age or faults—But what about  
That loose nut on the steering  
wheel?—ALETHA HUMPHREYS.

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#### WORK—60

Work is no flaunting of intellect; it is providing strength and direction to the mind—the right direction. Many parents do not realize that they are cheating their children out of one of the most certain ways to happiness. Ben Franklin knew this by experience. And Will Durant once told Pres Henry T Hill of Geo Peabody College that "the two ways to develop character are thru hardship and responsibility."—RAYMOND S MOORE, Potomac Univ, "Work Education—the Missing Link?" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 12-'59.

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# GOOD STORIES

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## I Laughed At This One

PAUL A GARDNER

The overture to a recent Orpheus Society of Ottawa (Canada) production of a well-known Broadway hit commenced with the British Nat'l anthem, which flowed right into the show music.

"Well," said a man in the audience, "from now on we can refer to it as 'God Save the Queen' from 'The Damn Yankees'!"

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I like the one about the customer who complained to the restaurant mgr, "Why do you serve cloudy water in this joint?" The mgr looked at the glass of water. "I'm sorry to disagree with you, sir," he said. "There's absolutely nothing wrong with this water. The glass is dirty, that's all." — WM BENDIX, *Parade*.

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The businessman was showing his daughter, just ret'd from finishing school, around the newly completed mansion. At the swimming pool they stopped to watch several athletic young men diving and stunting.

"Oh, Daddy," exclaimed the girl, "and you've stocked it just for me!" — Brushware.

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A strong political tide had washed a Congressman out of office, much to his surprise. At a victory dinner for his opponent, the old lawmaker was called upon for a few remarks. He rose and said dryly: "I am reminded of an epitaph on an old tombstone in the town cemetery. It reads: 'I expected this, but not so soon.'"—JOHN F PARKER, Massachusetts State Senator, *If Elected, I Promise* (Doubleday).

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After taking his friend thru some hair-raising loops and turns, the daring pilot remarked, "No doubt half the people down there thought we were going to crash."

Quavered his companion, "Half the people up here thought so, too."—KATE M OWNEY.

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I was telling one of my grandchildren tales about the former generations of the family and what they had done and how they had lived. After listening a long time, my grandchild said, "Grandpa, I have often heard you tell about the former generations of the family, but what I want to know is whether you have stopped generating."—EDW R HEWITT, *Days From Seventy-Five to Ninety* (Duell-Sloan & Pearce).

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# .....Quote-able QUIPS .....

Working with a grammar lesson, the teacher asked, "Willie, what is it when I say, 'I love you, you love me, he loves me?'"

Repl'd Willie, "That's one of those triangles where somebody gets shot."—*Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co. f

Post office officials tell many amusing stories about pillar-boxes. One concerns a pre-war servant girl who arrived in London from a rural district and was sent by her mistress to the bank with a pass-book and thirty-eight pounds in cash.

Ever since childhood this girl had owned a money-box in the shape of a miniature pillar-box which she always called her bank. Seeing a duplicate of this standing in a busy st she decided it must be the bank of her employer, a wealthy woman. Without hesitation, she posted pass-book and money in the pillar-box.

When she got back, her mistress asked her for the pass-book and the girl repl'd she had "put it in the bank with the money."

Asked whom she saw at the bank, the simple girl repl'd: "No one, ma'am, altho I looked for a long time thru the hole."—*Puck*, *Tit-Bits*, London. g

Leaving a London theatre, where a rock'n'roll idol is appearing, a mother was heard to say to her young daughter: "I shouldn't wait at the stage door, if I were you, dear. You'll only find your god has splay feet." — *PETERBOROUGH*, *Daily Telegraph*, London. h

Modern apt bldg: one in which both the landlord and the tenant are always trying to raise the rent.

—CY N PEACE.

In this space age it doesn't pay to be a monkey. You can even get drafted from a zoo.—*FRANK J PEPE*.

A career girl is one who can watch a group of children playing in the mud without thinking of a washing machine.—*DAN BENNETT*.

Man has more leisure today than ever before, and he certainly needs it.—*CHAS RUFFING*.

The man who's sure he has a girl's number probably doesn't know his arithmetic.—*JOS GANCHER*.

Confession is good for the soul—but bad for the heel.—*AGNES GUIL-FOYLE*.

A comedian out of work has no risible means of support.—*MORRIS BENDER*.

Flitting about from place to place is a way of life that's for the birds.—*JULIAN BROWN*.

All a parent has to do to make a child thirsty is to fall sound asleep.—*O A BATTISTA*.

From the cocktail circuit: "I've discovered the best way to entertain a Senator—sit down and listen!"

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"Yes, stamp collecting is educational," said the fond mother to the visitor. "For instance, where is Hungary, Eric?"

Without looking up from his stamp book, the young philatelist ans'd promptly: "Two pages in front of Italy."—*Christian Science Monitor.* 1

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### Flight of Fancy

*Khrushchev, who admired Ike's, now has his own helicopter.*—News item.

First Ike, then Khrushchev. . . .

Shortly all,  
Including Mao and Charles de Gaulle,  
Macmillan, Nehru, Chiang (and mate),

And Adenauer, as heads of state  
Will have their private whirlybirds  
That rise aloft like spoken words.

Then in their heaven or their hell  
A surge of envy's sure to swell  
In Hannibal and Ghengis Khan,  
In Caesar and Napoleon,  
In Alexander, Charlemagne,  
In Wilhelm, and in Tamerlane,  
Who got from place to place, of course,

On foot or elephant or horse,

But now these greats think how much greater  
To have been great a little later.

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The late Rob't Benchley, one of the world's greatest humorists, was a man who hated routine. Consequently he would put everything aside until the time came when his desk was so crammed and his affairs so utterly confused that he was forced to do some cleaning up.

Then, and only then, could his sec'y get him to sit down and go thru the ordeal of answering letters, paying bills, etc. On one such desk-clearing occasion, he was sorting his mail and tossed one letter to his sec'y with a casual:

"Bring this to my attention."

The girl glanced up at him over her glasses. "Now?" she asked.—*Jnl of the American Medical Ass'n.* j

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First man to use an alarm clock was a Chinese mandarin. Centuries ago, said mandarin stuck a burning taper between his toes before an evening nap. Chinaman either arose pronto or else was buried with his ancestors.—JOHN MCCARTHY, *Columbia.* k

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Up in the far north a hunter carefully trained a young wolf-hound and finally the great day came when the dog was brought out to seek a wolf. Picking up a trail, he disappeared with a whooping cry over the distant horizon. His master followed him patiently for several hrs till he met a trapper traveling from the opposite direction.

"Did you see a dog and a wolf?" he asked.

"Yes, I did," the trapper said.

"How was the dog doing? Was he almost up to the wolf?"

"If I remember correctly," the trapper said, "the dog was a trifle ahead."—JOE MCCARTHY, *American Wkly.* 1



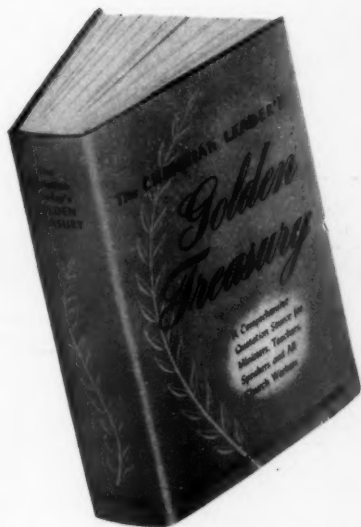
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JOHN SAYZNOWSKI, Cleveland (Ohio) bus driver, *who won a local award as the most courteous driver*: "Treat 'em (the passengers) like you'd like to be treated yourself. . . You don't have to be a college graduate to be decent." 2-Q-t

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